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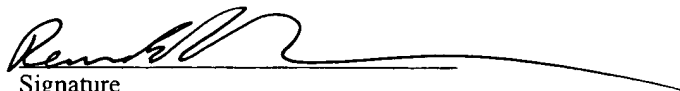
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ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C POLYPEPTIDE,
POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005. An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are filed concurrently herewith. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.